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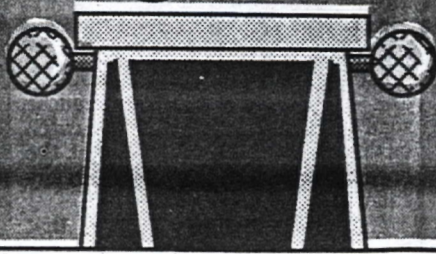


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County sends garbage packing

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The long-haul deal



Operation

Amount: About 100 to 145 tons a day, 6 days a week.
Loading point: Recomp Co. (formerly Thermal Reduction Co. Inc.) transfer station at 1524 Slater Road.
Shipper: C&H Management Services Inc., created solely for this purpose by Lynden businessman John Hoksbergen, 46, president of Cascade Commodities.
Hauler: Martin's Feed Inc., 869 E. Badger Road, Lynden, owned by feed hauler Martin Ruiter, 41.
Equipment: 35-foot, tarp-covered trailers.
Route: Across Snoqualmie Pass, through Ellensburg and between Yakima Firing Range and Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

Site

Landfill: Pasco Sanitary Landfill, 2 miles northeast of Pasco in unincorporated Franklin County, just across the Columbia River from Hanford.
Owner: Larry Dietrich, 45, president; his wife, Elaine, vice president, both of Burbank, Wash.
Created: 1955 as open burn dump; operated as landfill since 1971.
Size: 208 acres, with another 150 adjoining acres for expansion.
Lifespan: 70-plus years (at current fill rates).
Average daily intake: 275 to 320 tons (of which 100 to 145 tons are from Whatcom County).

Half or more of Whatcom County's garbage winds up under the sandy loam of Eastern Washington. Where it's going, who stands to gain, the questions and risks involved and what nearby residents have to say about getting our garbage are discussed in a four-day Herald series beginning today.

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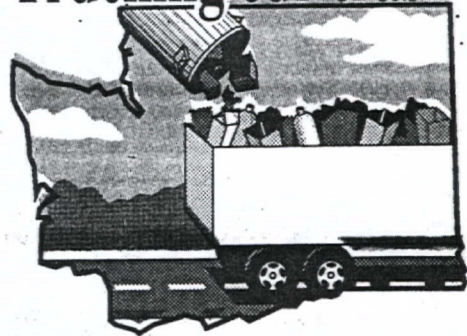
PASCO — When Cedarville Dump attendant Aldon Kleman padlocks the gates at 3 p.m. today, Whatcom County will be without a general-purpose dump for the first time in its 136-year history.

Soon after Kleman fastens the chains, a tractor-trailer truck will pull out of Recomp Co.'s new transfer station at its Slater Road incinerator, bearing within its load the one-thousandth ton of Whatcom County garbage destined for this side of the mountains.

It is expected to be joined by somewhere between about 87,000 and 127,000 more tons of Whatcom County waste by the time the long-haul garbage disposal pact expires in June 1992. That means 60 or more percent of Whatcom County's garbage will be buried in the 208-acre Pasco Sanitary Landfill here.

The deal is the first of its kind in Washington, and state environmental officials anticipate that other locales will follow suit as one after another of Washington's coastal communities run out of places to put their share

Trucking our trash



of the nation's growing amounts of garbage and trash.

Involved are Denver-based Recomp; a broker and a hauler, both of Lynden; and a landfill operator here. Recomp now gets virtually all of the solid waste generated in Whatcom County. That includes the 70 or so tons daily that Bellingham residents can't or won't recycle and the 35-40 tons from Lynden, Everson, Nooksack and Sumas areas collected by Nooksack Valley Disposal Co., the largest private hauler outside Bellingham.

After Recomp has burned the 100 tons that air pollution controllers allow on average each day, the remaining 100 to 145 tons are

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